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Rep. Klarides and Sen. Crisco Help Convince D.O.T. to Install a Traffic Light on Route 67 in Woodbridge



Plan designed to reduce accidents at key intersection

Hartford - **Representative Themis Klarides (R-Derby)** and **Senator Joseph Crisco (D-Woodbridge)** have been successful in their efforts to get the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to help improve highway safety in the Town of Woodbridge by endorsing a plan to install traffic control signals at the intersection of Route 67 at Bear Hill Road and Acorn Hill Road.

There have been eight motor vehicle accidents at the Route 67 intersection during the past three years. That includes two fatal injuries. A number of residents in Woodbridge expressed growing concern over the situation last November after a 13-year-old boy was killed when the car he was riding in was struck by a pickup truck.

Originally, DOT did not recommend a traffic light but the agency reconsidered signalization at the request of **Senator Crisco**. Officials from DOT conducted another traffic investigation, and concluded that the replacement of the existing flashing beacon with a traffic signal would likely reduce the number of accidents. The department is now receptive to recommending that a signal be installed at the intersection in a future installation contract.

“As the result of my request DOT did take a second look at some of the factors involving the accidents, especially the one that resulted in a fatal injury, and concluded that a traffic light is warranted at the intersection,” said **Senator Crisco**. “I’m very pleased that the department has acted in a responsible way, and was willing to review their original findings. Now the people that travel on Route 67 can be assured of more safety.”

“This has been a long-standing issue with the heavy traffic flow on Route 67 and the nature of the road,” said **Representative Klarides**. “It’s necessary to have a traffic signal to help control the flow of traffic and ultimately make the motorists safer. I am pleased that the DOT will be installing these signals.”